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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - TEXT

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG TC
SUBJ: ABU DHABI CUT OFF OF OIL SHIPMENTS TO US

REF: ABU DHABI 1428

1. WITH KUWAIT TELS 3796, 3800 AND 3801 (AND PREVIOUS) ALL
REPEATED TO YOU, EMBASSY ABU DHABI IS UP TO MINUTE ON OAPEC
CONFERENCE IN KUWAIT AND ITS RESULTS. FROM THIS REPORTING YOU
WILL KNOW THAT PURPOSE OF OAPEC DECISION TO CUT OIL PRODUCTION
BY FIVE PERCENT IS TO EMBARGO ALL ARAB OIL TO US IMMEDIATELY
AND APPLY STEADILY INCREASING PRESSURE ON OTHER CONSUMERS IN
ORDER TO PROMOTE ARAB AIMS IN PRESENT WAR, I.E. BRING ABOUT
RESTORATION OF ARAB LANDS OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND RIGHTS OF
PALESTINIANS. MODERATES AT CONFERENCE FEEL THEY WERE INSTRUMENTAL
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IN KEEPING HOT-HEADS FROM GETTING OUT OF HAND AND CALLING FOR

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FAR MORE DRASTIC MEASURES.

2. DEPT MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE, BUT I SUGGEST THAT IN YOUR TALK WITH OTAIBA (PARA FOUR REFTEL) YOU PLAY IT VERY COOL AND INDICATE YOUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS TO LEARN AS PRECISELY AS POSSIBLE JUST WHAT ABU DHABI ANNOUNCEMENT MEANS AND WHY ABU DHABI FELT IT HAD TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF OTHERS IN OPENLY DECLARING EMBARGO ON OIL SHIPMENTS TO US. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE STRENUOUS EFFORTS USG PRESENTLY TAKING TO BRING HOTILITIES TO EARLY END IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO PLAY A HELP-FUL ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT JUST SETTLEMENT, ONCE FIGHTING IS OVER. YOU SHOULD ALSO ADD THAT US WANTS TO MAINTAIN BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH ABU DHABI AND HOPES THAT, REGARDLESS OF PRESENT PROBLEMS, OUR TWO STATES CAN STILL WORK TOGETHER IN FUTURE AS IN PAST TO PROMOTE PEACE, SECURITY AND PROGRESS IN GULF AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE IN MIDDLE EAST.
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